



Louisiana Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

Milk Production Down 33 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana milk production during the July - September 2016 quarter was 33 million pounds, down 11 percent from the same period in 2015 and down 33 percent from the April - June 2016 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 12,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than the same period last year and down 500 head from the previous quarter.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 52.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.34 million head, 9,000 head more than the April - June quarter, and 21,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Louisiana, and U.S. 2014-2016

Item/Period	Louisiana				United States			
	2014	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2014	2015	2016	% Change from '15
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	15.0	14.0	13.0	-7.1	9,216	9,309	9,319	-
2 nd Quarter, April - June	15.0	14.0	12.5	-10.7	9,253	9,321	9,328	-
3 rd Quarter, July - September	14.0	13.0	12.0	-7.7	9,271	9,315	9,336	-
4 th Quarter, October - December	14.0	13.0			9,288	9,321		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	58	58	53	-8.6	51,007	51,936	53,041	2.1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	57	52	49	-5.8	52,896	53,720	54,360	1.2
3 rd Quarter, July - September	42	37	33	-10.8	51,176	51,685	52,585	1.7
4 th Quarter, October - December	47	41			50,975	51,292		

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Milk Production: Louisiana and U.S. July-September, 2007-2016

